

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006**



**MCDOWELL VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENT COMPLEX
8300 EAST MCDOWELL ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85257**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bachmann called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bachmann, Vice-chair Reid and Commissioners Berg, Bowers, Czapinski and Hemmingsen

Also Present: Connie James, Tim Barnard, Mark Bethel, Donna Brower Jan Cameron, Justin Lisonbee, Corey Lew, Tim Miluk, Kasey Moyers and Chuck Skidmore.

Absent: Commissioner Fausel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve the April 13, 2006 meeting minutes. Chair Bachmann moved for approval of the April 13, 2006 meeting minutes; Commissioner Hemmingsen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

TITLE TRANSFER OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7507 E. OSBORN ROAD TO SCOTTSDALE TRAINING AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (STARS)

Mark Bethel, Community Assistance Manager, provided an update of the proposed title transfer of the STARS building. On November 27, 1979, the City Council adopted Resolution 2013 authorizing the acquisition of the property located at 7507 E. Osborn Road for \$425,000. The property was purchased by the City of Scottsdale with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). STARS has requested that City staff look into the possibility of transferring the property to STARS. Staff, through discussions with local HUD representatives, has determined that a transfer as requested by STARS could be effected so long as HUD guidelines and timelines were followed. The building would have to continue to be used for CDBG eligible purposes for six years, but at the end of that time, all federal restrictions on the property's use would end.

Chair Bachmann asked if Mr. Jeffrey Battle wished to speak to the commission. Mr. Battle had completed a comment card and had the following remarks:

He thanked the Commission for their recommendation to City Council to support funding STARS with both CDBG and Scottsdale Cares dollars. He indicated that what began this issue was that STARS has insufficient space; they are turning down 3 to 5 Scottsdale clients per month. He said that STARS' vision is to take the Osborn Road site and completely overhaul it. He indicated that STARS is in the middle of a 15 million dollar capital campaign with a 3-year time frame to raise the funds to remodel the Osborn site

and build administrative offices up north. He said that funders are more likely to give to their campaign if STARS owns the building at Osborn.

Chair Bachmann asked if the services at the STARS facility would still be provided. Mr. Battle said yes, in fact more services would be provided and more clients would be served. He added that when the administrative offices move, the Osborn facility will have 50% more space, which will enable increasing the number of clients served.

Commissioner Hemmingsen asked if there would be a note that is signed and a deed for the property. Mr. Bethel said yes, there is a real estate attorney in the City Attorney's Office who will prepare all the necessary documents. Commissioner Hemmingsen asked if the city would support STARS using the Osborn site as collateral for other building projects, such as the administrative buildings up north. Mr. Bethel said he would have to defer that question to the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Hemmingsen asked many clients are currently at the Osborn site. Mr. Battle said they can serve 85, but with the moving of the administrative offices, they would be able to serve 25 to 40% more clients.

Vice-chair Reid asked about the cost regarding the remodel of the Osborn site. Mr. Battle said that the cost has to do with the timing; since they can't shut the center down, the remodeling would have to be done in stages, which costs more. Commissioner Reid asked when the remodel of the Osborn site would begin and Mr. Bethel said that once the commission decides what they wish to recommend to City Council, the proposal is tentatively scheduled for the June 20 City Council Meeting, then the processing of documents can begin upon approval of the City Council. He added that the tentative contract date would be July 1, 2006 if approved by City Council.

Chair Bachmann asked if the final version of the proposal and the final deliberation would be at a future Council meeting. Mr. Battle said that his impression is that the City Council is in favor of the transaction.

Commissioner Berg asked who pays the taxes on the Osborn site. Mr. Bethel indicated that once the title is transferred all the responsibility would be STARS. Mr. Battle added that STARS would not pay any taxes on the property because they are a 501(c) 3 non-profit.

Chair Bachmann called for a motion to approve the recommendation to transfer title from the City of Scottsdale to STARS. Commissioner Hemmingsen moved to approve the recommendation to transfer title from the City of Scottsdale to STARS; Commissioner Berg seconded and motion carried unanimously.

CDBG BUDGET FOR FY 2007 (JULY 2007 - JUNE 2008)

The full House is expected to consider the FY 2007 Congressional Budget Resolution after Congress returns from recess April 24. As approved the House Budget Committee on March 29th, the resolution (H Con Res 376) mirrors the President's total budget request for FY 2007 appropriations, which included a 25% cut to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Mark Bethel, Community Assistance Manager and Justin Lisonbee, Senior Grants Specialist, provided an update on the impact the budget reduction will have to the City of Scottsdale's CDBG Program.

Chair Bachmann asked what is the process in which the legislators receive the letter from the Commission. Ms. James said that should the Commission approve the letters and Chair Bachmann sign, the originals will go to each one of Scottsdale's congressional members first by FAX and then Fed-Exed to the City's Washington Assistant, Chris Giglio, who will hand deliver the letters to each congressional member.

Vice-chair Reid asked if who is elected would influence the allocation to Scottsdale. Mr. Bethel said he couldn't say; however, the delegation who decides the activity of the budget for July is prior to any

election. So, those officials in place now make the decision. He added that the strength of CDBG funds is the huge benefit to local communities and the great strength lies in the communities mayors' communications on the benefits of these funds. He said that while Scottsdale does not rely on CDBG funds for building sidewalks or other infrastructure, the funds are critical for smaller communities, not only for their existing housing stock or for providing social services, but also for those in need in the community. Ms. James added that because of the efforts of the Mayor and City Council and the City's Intergovernmental Relations Department, Representative J.D. Hayworth set aside \$178,200 for the Vista del Camino renovation. Representative Hayworth's staff toured Vista del Camino today and is interested in bringing forward another request for Vista in the following year.

Commissioner Bowers moved to approve sending a letter of support for CDBG from the Human Services Commission to congressional representatives. Commissioner Czapinski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE/TOUR OF NEW GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER

Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager, Kasey Moyers, Recreation Coordinator, Corey Lew, Project Manager, Chuck Skidmore, Energy Management Engineers, Jan Lorant, Architect presented an overview and tour of the new Granite Reef Senior Center, located adjacent to the McDowell Village Senior Apartments at 1700 North Granite Reef Road.

UPDATE ON ART PROJECT INSTALLATION FOR NEW GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER

Judith Patrylak, Project Manager I for the Scottsdale Public Art Program was unable to attend and thus did not present a brief overview of this portion of the project during the tour.

UPDATE ON GREEN BUILDING INSTALLATION FOR NEW GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER

Chuck Skidmore, Energy Management Engineer for the City of Scottsdale and Corey Lew, Project Manager, City of Scottsdale, Project Manager presented an overview of the solar and green building end of the project during the tour.

UPDATE ON HOUSING AT McDOWELL VILLAGE

Bonnie Wood, Executive Director and Dianna Cardassi, Activities Director were unable to provide a tour, so Connie James gave a tour of the McDowell Village Senior Living Apartments for the Commission.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

Ms. James indicated that the next Human Services Commission meeting would be on May 11, 2006 in the Kiva City Hall. She discussed the North East Valley Anti-methamphetamine Coalition meeting that took place today and that she had secured some packets from that meeting if the Commission was interested. She added that if the Commission was interested in a presentation on this devastating problem, not only Scottsdale, but also the entire state, that she would be happy to arrange for a presentation at a future commission meeting.

Ms. James passed out to the Commission the America's Promise bookmark, which contains the Five Promises. She said that staff are getting these bookmarks out into the community.

Ms. James discussed the upcoming Human Services Volunteer Tea on May 31, 2006 at Chaparral Suites at 2:00 PM. She indicated that there would be a wonderful presentation of 128 presidential awards for volunteers meeting certain hours of service and that 28 will be getting awards for over 4,400 hours of service.

Ms. James thanked Tim, Kasey, and all presenters for the wonderful job that they did in presenting and in bringing the Senior Center to fruition. Ms. James especially recognized Kasey Moyers for checking on the status of the Senior Center weekly (sometimes daily).

Ms. James thanked Chair Bachmann for his presentation to City Council on Proposition 402 on April 19, as well as his presentation on the CDBG/HOME and Scottsdale Cares/General Funds/Endowment funding on the following Tuesday, April 25.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Bachmann made an open call to the public for comments/questions/announcements or other business. There were no replies.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, Chair Bachmann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Bachmann moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Berg seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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SUBMITTED BY:

**Recording Secretary
Mary Beth Hollmann**

REVIEWED BY:

**Connie James
Director, Human Services**

Officially approved by the Human Services Commission on _____